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ATTEMPT SOLUTION OF BOUNDARY DISPUTES

HSIEN REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSS AREA -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 5 May 49

I-min, magistrate of Wei-li Hsien, and Ai-sha, deputy chief of the Hsien Council have been consulting local maps to solve the problem of a disputed area between Wei-li and K'u-erh-lo Hsien.

Until 1928 the dividing line between the two Hsien was K'ung-ch'iao-ho. K'u-erh-lo Hsien occupied the area north of the river, and Wei-li Hsien the southern section. Roughly, the boundary line of Wei-li Hsien ran from Fan-erh-to'nn (Uda: 701, 7043, 4739) on the west and extended slightly north to Hah-i-sha (14709, 10637, 6031), then bent south to Hsia-tu-k'ou (9,6318, 1141), and ended at Fu-hui (7470,627) on the west.

In 1928, the area south of K'ung-ch'iao-ho down to Ma-mu-hsu (14681, 4707, 10930), including the marshland of Tung-ho-t'an (4765, 6045, 6757) near Lun-t'ai Hsien, was added to K'u-erh-lo Hsien.

Wei-li citizens who dwell on this piece of land chose to remain there rather than going to the trouble of shipping their household effects and risking their livelihood elsewhere. Moreover, following the old regulations, they continued to remit taxes to Wei-li authorities. From this singular disorder, the ill-feeling between the two Hsien increased from year to year. Recently, citizens of K'u-erh-lo have been pressing Wei-li natives to move, prohibiting the natives from carrying on grazing within the area.

It is unjust to designate this plot of land solely to K'u-erh-lo Hsien since it will straddle the southern portion of K'ung-ch'iao-ho. Furthermore, it will protrude deeply into Lun-t'ai and Wei-li Hsien. On the other hand, to have this disputed area come entirely under the jurisdiction of Wei-li Hsien seems equally unfair.

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Another matter which should be considered is the location of five pao in this area. Two of them are located in the western sector near Lun-t'ai. The other three pao, in the eastern sector, are located near Wei-li. From the western sector, it takes one day to reach Wei-li, 5 days to Wei-li, and 6 days to K'u-erh-lo. The eastern sector is much closer to Wei-li than to K'u-erh-lo.

Therefore, according to the lay of the land and for the convenience of the people, the Civil Administration Bureau of Wei-li believes that a just boundary should be drawn as follows:

The area south of K'ung-ch'iao-ho, including Fu-hui, Ma-mu-hau, and Tung-ho-t'an, should go to K'u-erh-lo Hsien; the western sector should be incorporated in Lun-t'ai Hsien; and the eastern sector should be included in Wei-li Hsien.

Al-sha consented to this proposal, but I-min maintained that the entire area south of K'ung-ch'iao-ho should be restored to Wei-li Hsien.

Therefore, to facilitate fair and rational settlement, the Civil Administration Bureau has referred this matter to the Provincial Government for further study. The bureau then asked that one or two government officials, well acquainted with the local area, discuss the problem with representatives of both hsien.

GOVERNMENT PICKS CONCILIATORS -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 14 May 49

The Sinkiang Provincial Government has chosen Wei-shao-wu (14084, 8787, 5649) and A-pu-tu-ai-te (12830, 13, 12188, 9725, 3172) to go to Wei-li to find a just and unbiased solution to the boundary dispute between K'u-erh-lo and Wei-li hsien. The dispute involves a tract of land located south of K'ung-ch'iao-ho.

DESIRE RESIGNATION TO YEH-CH'ENG HSIEH -- Sinkiang Jih-pao, 18 May 49

Pa-j'-a-bung (2785, 12372, 12830, 6174) and some 30 representatives of Hsing-li-hsiang (9630, 8165, 12205) have sent a petition to the Reconstruction Department of the Provincial Government requesting that their village be reincorporated into Yeh-ch'eng Hsien.

Before Sheng Shih-ts'ai's regime, Hsing-li-hsiang was incorporated into Tse-p'u Hsien. Under the jurisdiction of that hsien, the difficulties of the village populace in maintaining a livelihood increased considerably.

Upon receipt of this petition, the department decided to make an official inspection of the area before coming to any final conclusion.

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